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HEARD THE VOICE OF CONSTITUENTS

DEPUTATION CALLS ON ITS REPRESENTATIVE

Largely Signed Petition Presented to
Mr. Hayward Yesterday Afternoon
—Bears 255 Names.

Yesterday afternoon a deputation from Esquimalt district, consisting of J. H. S. Matson, A. J. W. Bridgman, Duncan Robertson, Robert Nunn and H. Hearn, waited on W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., for the constituency, and presented a petition bearing 255 signatures requesting him to oppose the Railway bill brought down by the government and the government itself, as dominated by Joseph Martin. In speaking for the deputation, Mr. Matson pointed out that the voters' list for the district held 410 names, and that several more signatures were yet to be attached to the petition.

In presenting the petition Mr. Matson disclaimed any animosity on the part of the deputation, who were merely voicing the wishes of Mr. Hayward's constituents. "He had been in the district for more than a week, and in that time had not found over a dozen in favor of either the bill or the government. He denied that he had misrepresented the matter while seeking the views of the voters, and explained his procedure while so engaged."

He had taken with him copies of both contracts, as well as a copy of the offer made for the Coast-Kootenay road last year. He had shown that under this year's Coast-Kootenay bill \$800,000 cash and 1,000,000 acres land subsidy were to be given, in excess of what was asked for last year, and that the expropriation of the lands from taxation.

The speaker also enumerated the injurious clauses of the Canadian Northern contract, to which he had drawn the attention of Mr. Hayward's constituents. Mr. Matson further referred to Mr. Hayward's manifesto to the electors, published in the Times of April 12th, 1900, in which he pledged himself not to support Joseph Martin nor to favor land grants to corporations, or their expropriation from taxation. He also referred to the member's remarks at the Parson's Bridge meeting, June 7th, 1900, in which he said that "should the electors see fit to return him just where they could find him, and he would pledge them his word that if ever he considered that it was necessary to leave his party he would come back and consult with his constituents over the matter." Mr. Matson reminded him that last session his constituents desired him to oppose the government if it would not factor competitive railways, and he had done so.

At the beginning of this session he had supported the opposition, but defected to the government, the reason he gave the speaker being that he could not endorse the opposition's attitude regarding the granting of foreshore rights.

The question was whether Mr. Hayward intended to be guided by the wishes of his constituents in the premises. They had requested him to withdraw his support from the government and to vote against the Railway bill. He claimed that Mr. Hayward had not kept his promise.

Mr. Hayward said he would give a definite answer within 36 hours after a certified copy had been presented to him. He added that he had received 30 letters from people who signed the petition on the subject. He had also a petition, but would not make it public. He would, however, show it to Mr. Matson.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Matson challenged any one to show that he had misrepresented the case among the electors, as had been stated.

Mr. Bridgman said that the feeling on this question was unanimous in the district. Men who had long been supporters of Mr. Hayward now opposed him because of his support of a government dominated by Joseph Martin. The speaker had heard him express his opposition to Mr. Martin on more than one occasion during the election campaign, but the Vancouver member's attitude towards the government had not been altered since then.

Mr. Hayward—"Why, in conversation the other day you mentioned that it was said that Mr. Martin was against the Railway bill."

Mr. Matson—"Only town talk. It is also said that you are to be Minister of Agriculture, or to get a government bill of some sort."

Mr. Hayward—"That is not so. I am not going to get a government bill."

Mr. Bridgman observed that he understood that Mr. Hayward, too, held the view that when the Redistribution bill went into effect the Island would be practically at the mercy of the Majority, and he wanted to get all he could now. The speaker pointed out that it would be September, 1906, by the time the ferry was started. The first 100 miles on the Mainland would not be commenced this year, as no Dominion subsidy had been obtained until last session. He had been informed by competent engineers that the 100 miles from Butte Inlet would be the most difficult and expensive part of the road, so that by the time the ferry agreement came into effect, four years at least will have elapsed, and the province will be governed under the Redistribution bill.

Mr. Hayward expressed the opinion that the company would commence construction on the promise of a subsidy from the Dominion government. Furthermore, he had not stated that he would support the railway measure as it stood. He had supported the government because it favored railway development and the development of the Island coast fisheries, but he had not given any definite undertaking to vote with them.

Mr. Matson—"Well you are supporting the government and the Railway bill as it now stands. How do you reconcile your present attitude with that anti-election manifesto?"

Mr. Hayward—"How do you know I will vote for them?" Continuing, he said he had voted with the government against a motion preventing supply. The railways suited him, and his constituents, and he did not intend to oppose them. He denied having supported the government against Mr. Fuller's amendment, regarding the disfranchisement of North Victoria. Messrs. Robertson and Hearn also spoke, after which the deputation withdrew.

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(Associated Press.)

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MORE MINERS MAY BE CALLED OUT

STATEMENT ISSUED BY PRESIDENT MITCHELL

National Convention Proposed to Consider
Whole Question—Men Advised to Observe Law.

(Associated Press.)

Hazleton, Pa., May 10.—The miners' convention adjourned sine die at 11.45 a. m. today. The delegates voted to leave the question calling out the engineers, firemen and pump runners, to the district officers.

Steps were taken by the convention to involve in the strike all the bituminous and anthracite coal miners in the United States. The officials say that they will bring out the non-union bituminous miners in Virginia, West Virginia and Central Pennsylvania.

After the adjournment, President Mitchell issued the following statement: "At this morning's session the convention petitioned the national officers to issue a call for a national convention of all miners employed in the United States for the purpose of considering the situation in the anthracite regions. If the desire of the anthracite miners is carried into effect additional suspension of coal mining will be inaugurated. All questions of detail as to the direction of the strike in the anthracite fields were referred to the district and national officers. Definite plans will be outlined within the next few days. For the present the engineers, firemen and pump runners will continue work. All mine workers were advised to remain at their homes, abstain from frequenting saloons, and under all circumstances to observe the law."

Coal Handlers Idle.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 14.—About 10,000 coal handlers have been laid off by the leading coal lands in Buffalo, owing to the strike in the anthracite coal fields.

Will Not Be Felt Yet.

Toronto, May 16.—The strike of anthracite miners will not affect the supply here for some time as the yards are well stocked.

CANADIANS OUTNUMBERED.

Col. Evans Tells of the Gallant Stand by the Mounted Rifles.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 16.—Col. Evans's report on the Hart's river engagement on 31st of March has been received by the militia department.

Col. Evans says the enemy outnumbered them by 500. To the right was a detached post of 75 mounted infantry. Several hundred Boers swept down on it, stampeding the mounted infantry, who galloped through the line occupied by our men.

Lt. Carruthers, assisted by Sergeant Perry, Corporal Wilkinson, Lance Corporal Bond and Private McCall kept his men in hand, dismounted them, and formed in half moon shape to face the Boers. Sergeant Hoskins, whose men were being swept off in the stampede, rallied about ten of them, and dismounted to meet the attack. A splendid stand was made by Carruthers's party without cover of any kind, and against overwhelming odds, was well worthy the best traditions of Canada and the whole Empire. Before their ammunition was exhausted seventeen out of twenty-one were either killed or wounded.

Sergeant Perry, although badly wounded, fought until he was killed. Corp. Wilkinson, shot twice through body and arm, continued fighting until he was shot through the eye. He then threw the barrel of his rifle into the long grass to make it useless to the enemy. Private Evans, although he was mortally wounded through the bowels, exhausted his own ammunition, secured another bandolier, used it up, and as the Boers were making a final rush he broke his rifle, rendering it useless. Evans died in camp. Private Minchin, although wounded in six places, fired his last shot when the Boers were 25 yards off, and an equal invincible courage and devotion to duty was displayed by Lieut. Carruthers and every man of his party.

The coolness and steadiness of the whole regiment on its first action was remarkable. The total casualties were about 9 per cent. of our strength.

The list of names mentioned by the officer commanding to the officer commanding the column are: Surgeon-Major J. A. Devine, Surgeon-Major H. R. Duff, Lieut. Roberts, Pte. P. H. Kelly, Lieut. T. H. Callaghan, Pte. J. M. Todd, Pte. Hendry, Lieut. Carruthers, Sergt. J. C. Perry, Corp. J. A. Wilkinson, Lance-Corp. J. C. Bond, Pte. G. McBeth, C. N. Evans, Pte. P. Ryan, Capt. R. G. E. Leckie, Capt. P. E. Tacker, Lieut. G. H. Kirkpatrick and Lieut. W. R. Marshall.

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SIR WILFRID LAURIER.
In reply to the address of the friends, admirers and followers who presented the Premier with a portrait of himself on the last day of the session of the Dominion House Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke of the friendly feelings that existed between him and members of both parties. The Premier added that the portrait was the work of a distinguished artist who unfortunately had been obliged to seek his fortune in another land. "It was a dream of his own that something should be done to encourage art in Canada, and that by the establishment of prizes or some other means the walls of the Commons chamber might be adorned with Canadian landscapes. As for this splendid portrait, he was sorry that it was not his good fortune to have a son to whom he might leave it. Some day it might be hung on the walls of a national museum, not as memorial of the subject, but of the artist." We think one of the secrets of the Premier's popularity in the House and strength in the country will be found in these few sentences. The speech testified eloquently to the fact that the leader of the Liberal party is something more than a mere politician, that he moves on a plane considerably higher than the average eager grasper after honors which, in accordance with the sentence that must sooner or later be executed upon us all, can be but fleeting. The influence of the Premier's personality upon the debates in the House and upon the relationships between the members of the parties has been remarkable. The old animosities, which were probably rooted in many cases in misapprehension and projected much acrimony into the debates, are dying out. Even our old friend the bellicose Major Hughes, who, according to his own accounts, carried terror into the ranks of the Boers during his short campaign in South Africa, has been won over by the sunny smiles of the Premier and entertains a more kindly feeling toward all mankind. He has been heard to express the strongest admiration for French-Canadians, which before he entered Parliament and passed under the influence of this grandest representative of the Canadian people, whether of French or British origin, would have been accounted an evidence of irresponsibility, if not of lunacy, on the part of him.

The example of the leader of the Liberals, we are pleased to say, has had a salutary effect upon the tactics of the opposition generally, from its leader down, as well as upon the hitherto untamable editor from North Victoria. The slashing, smashing, slugging, slanging, whanging style of attack disappeared from the House with the retirement on the mandate of the electors of Sir Charles Tupper and the appointment, by no means unanimously, of Mr. Borden. The new leader, to judge by his speeches, is a quiet, courteous, able gentleman. He knows how to express himself gracefully and is never at a loss for words appropriate to an occasion. But we surmise that he is not a man to inspire the enthusiasm of his followers nor to win their personal affections. In these respects he lacks the elements chiefly necessary to successful leadership; in these

respects he differs entirely from the leader of the Liberal party. Herein is found the reason for the frequency with which the correspondents of Conservative papers discover that Sir Wilfrid is not in robust health and that he will retire from public life when the coronation ceremonies are over. Probably it is a fact that the Premier is not as strong physically as his friends could wish. He has never been a man of powerful physical strength. He has been too deep a student to gather such stores. But he is yet a comparatively young man as statesmen go in this country and in Great Britain. He is as fit in all respects as he has been for many years. He has a faithful and devoted wife to minister unto him and to guard, admonish and counsel him in regard to the tasks he is at all times too ready to undertake. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will therefore not only attend the coronation ceremonies and add to his own fame and to the credit of his country by his demeanor and his utterances at the various functions and conferences, in which he will take part; but he will, we believe and hope, return and lead the Liberal party for many years as successfully as he has done since he was placed at its head by the unanimous voice of the most harmonious political convention that was ever held in Canada.

UNFAIR CRITICISM.
The Colonist in one of its periodical, characteristic attacks on Mr. Smith Curtis founds its diatribe upon the fact that the member put on the order paper certain amendments to two bills he had introduced. It is easy to perceive these amendments were intended partly to bring forward some debatable principles which he thought advisable not to put in the bills in the first instance, as by so doing he might bring about the rejection of them on the second reading, partly to correct typographical errors, and partly to add additional sections. In adopting such a line of criticism the puerility of the Colonist is very apparent. If we found its attacks would descend upon its own friends very hard indeed. Last year Hon. Mr. Turner put on the order paper no less than seven amendments to his Railway Loan Bill, which, as introduced, consisted of but seven sections. A glance at the order paper of to-day will show that Mr. Joseph Martin has given notice of amendments to his own Municipal Bill and to his Election Bill, the amendments to the latter covering one and a third pages of the order paper. Before the Colonist again belches forth such a tirade of abuse it had better see that its own little political gods are under safe shelter.

SENSELESS ABUSE.
Our esteemed morning contemporary is the possessor of a very large tankful of vituperation. Its hose is usually directed at McBride or Curtis, but an occasional sprinkle of the acidulous or nauseous fluid is blown at the opposition generally. We suppose it can hardly be expected that the course of the opposition, or measures proposed by any of them, will be subjected to reasonable criticism under present conditions. The insar says in effect: "I know what you fellows are after, those of you who are not crazy loons. You would like to get possession of this side of the House. You do nothing but talk nonsense and obstruct business. You are jealous, that's what you are. McBride wants to be Premier and the other fellows want to be his ministers. But we know how to keep you out." The servant's vocabulary is a trifle richer than its master's, but the opinions expressed are practically the same.

The organ thoroughly comprehends the feelings of the Premier. It was Smith Curtis who brought the charges against the Minister and established them. It was the member for Rossland who proved that the Premier under the original "contract" entered into with Mr. Green-shields on behalf, it is alleged, of Mackenzie & Mann, expected to be materially benefited in the sale of his road, by the unloading of a property which has hitherto been a losing concern, through a deal in which some millions of dollars in cash and a section of land forty miles wide and nearly six hundred miles long, all belonging to the people of British Columbia, were involved. It is almost too much to expect that any man can be forgiven for making such an exposure as that, not to mention the many minor matters, such as deliberately made false statements in regard to the status of Mr. Green-shields, through a Royal Commission which did its best or worst to cover up the misdoings of the government.

action of the self-seekers who sit in opposition and obstruct the party which is nearly losing all patience because it cannot have its own way and is prevented from doing the country good. From that independent servant of the Premier, the Speaker, down through the ranks of his blundering supporters, we are sure not more than half a dozen can be picked out who depend upon him for a livelihood. The question of comparative ability it is not necessary to allude to.

When we consider the matter over carefully we sometimes wonder at the moderation of the government party. One of these days a question will be raised as to the independence of some of the members of the present parliament. Then there will be a fine uproar and possibly such a passage of adjournment across the floor as is daily applied by the Colonist to the members of the opposition. One thing is certain: In no legislative assembly in Canada since the days of the Family Compact have such conditions prevailed as now exist in British Columbia.

We advise the Colonist to discuss measures and to lay personalities aside, if it possibly can. Its friend and patron, the Premier, and his supporters are peculiarly vulnerable in case the opposition cares to take up its challenge.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Colonist, in order to be in harmony with the general tone of the paper, we suppose, has become quite reckless in his statements. He told his readers to-day that there are two Conservative members to every Liberal member from Ontario in the Dominion House. There has been a Liberal provincial government in Ontario for thirty years. On the 23rd of May there will be a general election in that province, and the Conservatives are expected to win. The chances are two to one that Premier Ross will be defeated, as Tory sentiment predominates there. Well, we shall see.

NO NENTITIES.
To the Editor:—The Colonist has treated us to a chapter on "activities," in which is woven the name of Mr. Smith Curtis, the energetic, able and consistent member for Rossland. The complaint usually lodged against members is that they are too indifferent that after being elected they pay little attention to the interests of their constituents and none whatever to measures of the province; object the advancement of the province; hence the reason why our statute books are clogged with unworkable acts. The charge brought against Mr. Curtis is that he is too active; tries to do too much; that instead of dawdling away the precious public time, at the rate of \$800 per session, in the smoking corridor, or sipping W. and W. in the restaurant, he is constantly on the alert to watch and, if possible, amend and improve the legislation a discredited and death-bound ministry are constantly endeavoring to force upon and through the House. My opinion of Mr. Curtis is that he is one of the best and most useful members of the lower parliament. He is bright, quick at detecting jobs and errors in bills, and ever vigilant in forwarding measures that have for their object the general welfare of the country. He is only one of many members on the opposition side. I wish I could say as much for the government and most of its supporters. Instead of being "activities" they are "nontentities." One of my neighbors in the gallery the other day referred to them as having about as much animation as a bump on a log. But a bump on a log generally, points to the spot where a vigorous branch was once thrown out as a protecting arm from the parent tree. The simile does not fit their case. These members were never any good on earth as lawmakers. To class them as warts would be more appropriate. Now, warts are excrescences for whose existence there can be found no reason or explanation. Like Topey in Uncle Tom's cabin, they were not "borned," they were "growed."

The specimens that adorn the treasury have also adorned the chamber of horrors. But for the occasional lifting of their hands in response to a demand for the yeas and nays, they might be taken for a row of frozen pre-historic pirates from the Arctic North, who had been rescued from an ice-ber and brought into the assembly chamber to be thawed out. I watched three of these government men the other afternoon, and during the whole sitting not one of them moved from his seat. One ran his fingers through his hair occasionally; another put his head on his desk, fell asleep and snored; the third, stirred into action by an attack of hayfever, frequently blew a single blast on his nose. These three are samples of nearly all the mem-

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bers who sit (not metaphorically, but bodily) on the right of Mr. Speaker. Can you call to mind a cartoon of Punch many years ago, when it was the fashion to poke fun in English comic papers at the newly-rich American belles, who had just then made their appearance in English society? The picture depicted a ball room with many couples prancing about and a lonely American girl sitting in the foreground. To her approached a young Englishman with the request, "May I have the honor?" "No," she replied, "I am not a dancing girl, I am a governess." The wonder is that some of these government nontentities who occupy, but do not adorn, seats in the legislature, do not take root and either remain permanent fixtures or draw the chairs after them when they muster enough energy to walk out of the House. And of such is some of the material for which the country pays \$500 per session and mileage as indemnity. Indemnity, forsooth! How is the province to be indemnified for the damage the presence of these men in the legislature is daily and hourly inflicting on the country? A word in the care of the Colonist and the legislative nontentities: "Go to Smith Curtis, ye sluggards, consider his ways and do likewise."

WIDEAWAKE.
DECORATIONS.
King of Spain Received a Number of Orders This Morning.
Madrid, May 16.—King Alfonso was invested with a number of foreign decorations this morning. The ceremony took place in the throne room of the palace. The King was surrounded by a brilliant assemblage of high officers of state. Among the orders bestowed upon him was that of the Duke of Connaught, as the representative of King Edward.

ELEVATOR BURNED.
Peoria, Ill., May 16.—The large grain elevator owned by Smith Hippen & Co., of Peoria, Ill., was totally destroyed by fire last night. The elevator contained 60,000 bushels of grain. The loss is estimated at between \$85,000 and \$100,000.

NEW MISSIONARY FIELD.
Methodist Missionaries Will Establish Themselves on Solomon Islands.—The Pacific Cable.
There has been a gradual diminution in the number of balloon players reported at Sydney, N. S. W., when the Mowera sailed for Victoria. The total number of cases reported in connection with the present outbreak is 100. Of these there have been 26 deaths, 37 have been discharged and 36 remain in the hospital.

A matter that is exciting a great amount of interest in Methodist circles in Australia is the proposed opening of a mission in the Solomon Islands. There are several striking features in connection with the proposal. For instance, the starting of this mission is the first great movement of the Wesleyan and Methodist denominations, is now the Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and it is also the opening up of a hitherto untouched and extensive territory to the Gospel. The ground is altogether outside the sphere of the operations of any other missionary society. The people of Rubiana Island are notable as the principal head-hunters in the South Pacific, and for many years this traffic has practically depopulated some of the large islands of the Solomon group. As illustration of this is strikingly afforded by Yashed Island, which, when first visited by the Spaniards, and for many years afterwards, was densely populated. It is now practically without inhabitants on the coastline, with the exception of a few settlements at the extreme end of the island. These same people have also murdered many Europeans, several remains having been taken on Henderson, Johnston, and other islands of the group. It is hoped, however, that the head-hunting will soon be practically stopped as the British resident, Mr. Woodford, and his assistant, Mr. Mahony, are taking vigorous steps to suppress the custom.

One of the political schemes agitating the minds of politicians in Australia just now is the confederation of the South Sea Islands under the Australian Commonwealth.

A proposal is on foot to lay a branch line of cable from Panning Island to Honolulu. In case of interruption in business of the Pacific Cable Company, it is thought that such a scheme would furnish an alternative service.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

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Victoria, May 16, 5 a.m.—A low barometer area is spreading over this province from the Pacific. It is raining moderately and showering over the South coast and inland to Cariboo, Kootenay and portions of Alberta. The winds are light to moderate on the coast from southwestward to California, and the weather is fine south of the Columbia river. Fair weather prevails from Medicine Hat eastward to the Great Lakes.

Forecasts:
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity: Southerly winds, settled, with showers.
Lower Mainland: Light variable winds, settled, with rain.

Reports:
Victoria—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 52; minimum, 48; wind, S. E.; rain, 0.1; weather, cloudy.

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V. T. & S. Ry. Sunday Excursion train leaves Market Building at 9 a.m. instead of 8 a.m., as heretofore. Excursion rates: Beaver Lake and return, 25c; Saanich or Sidney and return, 50c; Crofton and return, \$1.00. The V. T. & S. Ry. has the finest points for holiday trips around Victoria. Return train leaves 6:30 p.m.

—Last evening in Sir William Wallace all the Companions of the Forest held a enjoyable dance. At midnight refreshments were served, after which dancing was continued.

—Weekly excursions to Port Angeles, Port Townsend and Seattle on steamers Kosciusko and Majestic. One fare for round trip. Return tickets good on either steamer, on sale Saturdays and Sundays. E. E. Blackwood, Agent.

—Steamer Rosalie undergoes her annual inspection to-morrow, and in consequence will be off service for a couple of days. The Garland will replace her on the Sound and Victoria run, leaving early on the Rosalie's schedule on Saturday and Sunday.

—Last night in the Labor hall, E. T. Gingsley gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "The Capitalist System." He dealt extensively with the various advantages under which the people live. Mr. Kingsley handles his subject in a masterly manner. He is altogether free from the abusive style usually resorted to by reform speakers, and deals with the matter in a clean and logical manner. To-night he lectures on "The Slave Struggle." His lecture has been attended by several M. P. E.'s and clergymen. An invitation is extended to all.

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—A very interesting event took place at Bella Coola on Wednesday, April 30, when the nuptial knot was tied between Mr. Thomas Drayton, the well-known cannery manager, and Miss Olga Ashak. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Hage. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Richard Williams, of Victoria, while Miss Josephine Fosback attended the sister. The bride looked beautifully in a dress of gray and white, and white silk. A select party of friends was present. The happy pair, who will reside in the valley, left the time evening for their new home.

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1891	517,620	1,939,031	155,559	14,934,807
1896	769,403	3,494,907	213,789	20,001,462
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NUMBER OF ENTRIES FOR COMING REGATTA

Army and Navy Races Will Undoubtedly Be Keenly Contested—Many Crews Entered.

Secretary Moresby has received a large number of entries for the regatta which takes place at the Gorge next Saturday. The races for the army and navy have brought out the very best crews among the soldiers and sailors, and a great deal of interest is being manifested in these events. In the race for service cutters and eight-oared jolly boats open to army and navy the following have entered: Two crews from the Grafton, two from the Phaeton and Virago, two from the Shearwater and Royal Artillery, and two from the Royal Engineers.

For the cutter race, open to the army, a crew from the Royal Garrison Artillery and two from the Royal Engineers have entered. In race number 9, for service cutters and eight-oared jolly boats, the list of competitors so far includes two crews from the Grafton, one each from the Phaeton and Virago, two from the Shearwater, one from the Virago and four from the Royal Garrison Artillery.

Two crews from the Grafton and two from the Phaeton will compete in the service five-oared whalers, while the Grafton, Phaeton and Shearwater will be represented in race 15 for service dinghies and skiff dinghies.

The following entries have so far been received for the school boys double scull race: Boys' Central school, A. E. Sargison, Arnold Morley and Henry G. Ayres (coxswain); Collegiate school, Arthur Newcombe (bow), Harold Marshall (stroke), D'Arcy Martin (coxswain). Colors, light and dark blue. Two representatives from the High school will also enter, but so far their names have not been received by the secretary.

Messrs. H. Lawrie, J. Blatchford and Miss M. Blatchford have entered for the double dingy with lady coxswain, this morning from St. Andrew's cathedral. Rev. Father Attoh officiating both at the church and at the grave.

—Miss E. A. Misher will open a school of needlework on Monday, May 19th, in room 3, Maeddy block. All kinds of plain sewing, fancy work and dressmaking taught. Ladies wishing to bring their own goods will be taught to cut, fit and make them.

—The funeral of Markes Charlie Roe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roe, 51 Blanchard street, took place at 10 o'clock this morning from St. Andrew's cathedral. Rev. Father Attoh officiating both at the church and at the grave.

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—The Salvation Army is on the eve of its self-denial week, and considerable activity is seen among its members. It seems that they are confident of obtaining their share toward the sum of \$28,000, which is to be raised throughout this territory. The local target, as it is termed in army parlance, is \$325.

—The remains of the late Mrs. Mary Anderson were laid to rest to-day. The funeral took place this afternoon from the residence of Geo. W. Anderson, 58 King's road, at 2:30 o'clock. The Right Rev. Bishop Griggs conducted the services at the residence and grave. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends.

—Information comes from Seattle that Dave Ramsay, formerly an employee of the Colonist, had his right arm mangled and badly mangled in a piece of machinery at the Stetson-Cott mill. It was at first feared that the arm would have to be amputated, but it is now thought that the thumb, forefinger and a part of the hand may be saved. Mr. Ramsay has a wife and a family of five children.

—During the month of March the gross earnings of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company in Victoria were \$8,461, an increase of \$950 over the same month in the previous year. For lighting the earnings were \$5,944, a decrease of \$906. The total gross earnings for the province were \$45,144, against \$41,725 for March, 1901, an increase of \$3,419. The net earnings for the province were \$16,650, an increase of \$800 over the same month last year.

—Rev. H. J. Wood, rector-elect of the Church of Our Lord, in this city, arrived from Chicago on Wednesday afternoon. In the evening he was presented at the conversation held in the schoolroom, where he received a hearty welcome from all present. At the morning service next Sunday Right Rev. Bishop Griggs will formally install Mr. Wood as rector. The sermon will be preached either by the bishop or Rev. Mr. McGrath, of St. Paul's church, New Westminster, and the rectory will occupy the pulpit in the evening.

—News has been received from Port Simpson of a case of smallpox having been quarantined on Birnie Island, off Port Simpson. The case was that of a man who originally came from Port Chester, of New Metlakatla, on the American side. The man, his wife and two children left Port Chester for Birnie Island on a fishing sloop. At Dundas Island the man was taken ill, the provisions ran short, and to save the family from starving the woman ran the sloop into Port Simpson. There the boat was received on by the Indians and held till its occupants had been inspected by the doctor. Smallpox being discovered the party was quarantined on Birnie Island.

—The monthly freight and shipping report of R. P. Ribbet & Co. for April says: Since our last report grain freight has improved, although there has been little activity in the market. Rates may now be quoted at about 25c. for moderate carriers, an advance of about 2s. 6d. over the lowest point in March. For new crop loading the current quotations are 25c. 6d. to 26c. 9d. Lumber freight is weaker and quotations considerably lower than at the close of last month.

—The following well-known citizens of Seattle were among the steamer Rosalie's passengers from the Sound this morning: J. D. and Mrs. Lowman, G. A. Strout and Mrs. Strout, J. R. Collins and Mrs. Collins, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Moody, Mrs. Minor, Miss Minor and Miss Griggs. They will spend a few days here taking in points of interest in and around the city, returning on Sunday evening next by the Majestic. While here they will make their headquarters at the Oak Bay hotel.

—The offenders against the recently passed streets amendment by-law relating to cordwood on the streets were charged in the police court this morning. They were two Chinamen and their offences consisted of allowing cordwood to remain on the streets within the five-minute after 9 o'clock. They did not appear and their cases were over until next Wednesday. A. J. Townsend was charged with assaulting his wife. The case was dismissed, as the complainant did not appear. Thomas Collins, the blue-jacket charged with assault, arising out of a row in lower Chestnut street, was discharged, the informant not pressing the charge. Quong Sing, the Chinaman with the chickenstealing propensities, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor for the theft of chickens from F. Grathwohl.

—Anyone troubled with boils, pimples, rashes, festering sores, or any chronic or malignant skin disease, should use Burdock Blood Bitters externally and take internally. It will cure where others fail.



THEY SAW THE GOVERNMENT.

Manager and Solicitor of Ollalla Company Interview the Executive.

Manager McDougall, of the Ollalla Copper & Smelting & Refining Company, arrived in the city last night from New York. He and the solicitor of the company, H. Lugin, had long interviews this morning with the members of the executive, with the exception of Hon. Mr. Prentice.

The interview is said to have been a very satisfactory one, the members of the cabinet manifesting the highest interest in the representations made, and considering the matter their best consideration.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET.

Game Will Take Place at Beacon Hill and Esquimalt.

The cricket matches scheduled to be played on Saturday afternoon next promise to be of more than usual interest. The senior navy aggregation is reported to be very strong, and the Victoria team will have to work hard to win. The match will be played at the Esquimalt grounds, commencing sharp at 2 p.m., and the following players are requested to catch the 1.15 p.m. car for Esquimalt to-morrow: Messrs. G. Barnard, W. H. Burns, W. Macra, H. J. Martin, Q. D. H. Worden, D. Menzies (captain), E. J. Howe, J. Anderson, R. Jaeger, F. Lewin, W. P. Gooch, Reserve, L. S. V. York.

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Excellent Programme to Be Rendered By the Band-Basketball Match.

The Regimental band will play an exceptionally good programme at the concert in the drill hall to-morrow night in aid of the Tourist Association fund. The extra attraction is a senior game of basketball between the Fernwoods, who have been invincible this season, and the Wasps, who were unconquerable a few seasons ago. The idea is to endeavor to make the great Fernwoods taste defeat, so the Wasps have been drawn from retirement and will try to do it. The concert is under the patronage of the Lieut. Governor and the Mayor, and the teams are: Fernwoods—C. and W. Fiddall, forwards; R. Dalby, centre; W. Peden and R. B. King, backs; Wase—F. White and C. Berkley, forwards; W. Marchant, centre; T. White and C. Marshall, backs. The programme follows:

PART I.
March—"The Conqueror".....Roehme
Basketball—Half Time Play
Polonaise—"Royal Decree".....Swift
Basketball—Half Time Play

PART II.
Selection from "A Runaway Girl".....Caryl
Waltzes—"Visions of a Beautiful Woman".....Fahrbach
Selection fr. "The Burgomaster".....Luders
Two-Step—"Clorinda".....Haines
God Save the King.

LAUNCHES FOR NAVY.

Construction of New One Has Begun in the Naval Yard.

Probably the first launch ever built in the naval yard, Esquimalt, is now under construction for the laying of the submarine mines. The vessel will be 40 feet long, and is intended for working above water. It will be built under the supervision of Mr. Earle, of the navy yard, who has two carpenters assisting him in the work. The craft is designed especially for the work for which she is to be adapted, and will not be housed in any of the naval launches. There is a great deal of work to be done in connection with the laying of the mines; in fact, it is said that these which have been provided in Esquimalt harbor are only temporarily, that all the permanent ones have yet to be installed. The work of laying these will begin as soon as the launch is ready for service.

The construction of the other launches to be locally built for the navy has been commenced at the Victoria Machinery Depot, where in a new shed erected on the company's wharf the blocks are now being laid down for the keels to rest on.

LEGAL NEWS.

Judgment in the Case of Hyland vs. Canadian Development Company.

Mr. Justice Drake to-day handed down judgment in the case of Hyland vs. Canadian Development Co., the last case tried at the recent assizes. The action is dismissed, and judgment awarded the defendants with costs. His Lordship in his judgment commented on the unsatisfactory state of the evidence, and stated that the plaintiff is to be pitied, inasmuch as the order on which his case depended was lost in the mails, the man who gave the order is dead, the witness, H. M. Kersey, who could have determined the question as to whether McDonald, who gave the order, was authorized to bind the defendant company, is in South Africa, the plaintiff, to whom the order was handed, was too ill to give evidence, and the defendants' books are beyond the court's jurisdiction. On such evidence as was offered, His Lordship could find no evidence that McDonald was the company's agent, and therefore the plaintiff's case failed.

This suit, it will be remembered, was for \$720 for goods supplied and packing done on the Teslin trail in 1898. McDonald, who received the goods, was formerly in the employ of Yorkie & Davis, and the plaintiff's contention was that when the C. D. Co. bought Yorkie & Davis's business, McDonald became their agent at Teslin Lake.

In Chambers. The following applications were disposed of:
Wilson vs. Canadian Development Co. W. M. Griffin applied for approval of a bond for security on appeal to Supreme Court of Canada, which was granted.

XIV. A. F. R. Martin, for defendant, contended that, as the amount claimed had been paid in, and costs on County court scale tendered, plaintiff was not entitled to costs of this summons. Judgment was given for plaintiff, with County court costs and costs of summons. F. B. Gregory appeared for plaintiff.

Smoke vs. Shaw, et al. Application for leave to examine judgment debtor was adjourned till the 21st inst. by consent. A. F. R. Martin for plaintiff, A. L. Belyen, K.C., for defendants.

Re Geo. Nicholson, deceased. W. C. Moresby, for administrator, applied for and obtained leave to accept an offer for purchase of land.

Gore, et al. vs. Roscowitz. B. G. Goward for plaintiffs, obtained leave to issue writ and serve defendant out of the jurisdiction; fourteen days after service allowed for appearance. F. Higgins obtained probate of will.

In the various suits of Clearing, V. G. T. Co., Blackett & Co., and the Upper Yukon Co. against the White Pass & Yukon Railway Co., R. Cassidy, K.C., for defendants, applied for payment of the "discovery" and "completion" alleged in plaintiffs' statements of claim. Parties were ordered to be delivered with-in 21 days. Mr. Cassidy also asked for an order for discovery. F. Higgins for plaintiffs, asked that the order be reciprocal, but this was resisted. Mr. Cassidy argued that the actions, being for penalty, the court will never assist a plaintiff by discovery or otherwise, but the latter must always stand on his own knowledge. After considerable argument on the point, the plaintiffs' applications were refused, and discovery by plaintiffs ordered to be made within 14 days.

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TRADE RETURNS

For Past Ten Months Shows Satisfactory Increase.

Ottawa, May 16.—The trade figures for the ten months ending April 30th last were issued by the customs department today. The total aggregate domestic trade of the country increased for the ten months by \$30,051,000. The total domestic exports and imports were \$315,508,563, compared with \$290,616,041 for the ten months last year. The duty increased by over \$2,000,000. The returns altogether show a marvellous growth in the trade of the country. It is understood that Mr. O'Halloran, a Montreal lawyer, will be deputy minister of agriculture in place of the late W. R. Searth.

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GOVERNOR OF NEW GUINEA

Chief Administrator of Island and Number of Australian Arrive on Mincora.

Hon. Sir H. H. Hunt, chief administrator of the government of British New Guinea, was a passenger on the steamer Mincora from Australia this morning. Having secured six months' leave of absence, he is going to London to witness the coronation of the King. During his absence Sir Francis Winter, chief justice of the territory, will act as Lieutenant-Governor of New Guinea. Before Mr. Hunt's departure from Sydney he held a lengthy conference with Hon. E. Barton, Premier of the Commonwealth, in regard to the administration of the island. As a result an understanding was arrived at which should prove eminently satisfactory to the Commonwealth. No extensive changes in the methods of administration are proposed at the present time. Under the letters patent the Commonwealth government simply takes the place of the Queensland government, and the existing relations with the Imperial government are maintained. When the proposed changes in the methods of administration are proposed at the present time, an act of the Federal Parliament, territory of the Commonwealth, then the colonial office control will cease, except so far as there is control with reference to all parts of the Commonwealth. The arrangements which have been made will not interfere with the present business of the office in New Guinea. The federal government will not place any obstacles in the way of trading intercourse between the natives of New Guinea and the natives of similar Papuan origin of the neighboring islands. In arriving at this determination the government was guided by humanitarian usage, and because there is no white population in the islands to protect. A number of the passengers of the Mincora visited the parliament buildings this morning and were much impressed with the size and grandeur of the legislative hall. Among those who came into the city were: A. Fisher, a parliamentarian, who is going up to London, and will stay here for a day or two, and Edouard George, a well known member of the legislative assembly of Western Australia. Both gentlemen will be in London for the coronation festivities.

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(Associated Press.)

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